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Subject: RE: Bayou Corne Update?
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Greg,

I am sorry, but I was in a funeral this morning. Sunday they described an incident Saturday night as a slough, but today it's been called just a burp of debris. The last dimension I've heard for size is roughly 660 feet in diameter. Attached are some latest info from IAP and some recent photos.

Below are the meeting minutes for the December 15, 2012 IAP meeting.

Assumption Parish:

- Continues to perform actions listed on the Assumption Parish IAP.
- A total of 6 monitors placed in affected areas of the community measuring CO, H2S, LEL, and O2
- Next Public Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 18th @ 6:30pm at the Assumption Community Center in Napoleonville.
- John Boudreaux stated that the sinkhole is now approx 660 ft in diameter - up from 640 ft as measured last month.
- No IAP meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (12.16.12)

Texas Brine:

- Vegetation removal from the sink hole continues today along with hydrocarbon skimming (currently focusing on the NE area) - 154 roll offs of vegetation removed to date and 3135 bbls of oil removed to date as well (numbers will be updated on Monday, Dec 17). LDWF suggested installation of lights in the trees around the sink hole to discourage water fowl from entering the sink hole – TB stated that the lights have been deployed.
- No changes in the sinkhole
- TB will continue remediation of the sinkhole thru Saturday – will stand down on Sunday and continue on Monday
- TB has installed a total of 6 geoprobes in the area and is monitoring the air around the sink hole with 4 area raes
- Oxy 3A well is shut in until next week. Equipment installation is complete (gas buster, etc). They intend to begin removing hydrocarbon next Tuesday. On Monday (12.17.12) they will log the depth of the well
- TB Vent Well #1 is flowing @ 3.36 PSI with 55.5 mcf/day. Cumulative is 1418.9 mcf
- #2 still shut in - No plan of action discussed at the meeting today
- Texas Brine's contractor (Sage Environmental) continues interviews with the public
- Geophone equipment is collecting data

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Continues to perform the community and boat air monitoring runs. No elevated readings were recorded during the community or boat monitoring runs. DNR personnel did not accompany Inspector today for the runs.

- No in-home monitoring is scheduled for 12/16/2012 – None performed today

DNR and Shaw:

- ORW#1 flaring today at a rate of 20.88 mcf/day (Cumulative to date 361.38 mcf)
- ORW #2 flaring today at a rate of 15.42 mcf/day (1002.54 mcf to date)
- ORW #4 well is shut in – if tbg pressure gets up to 25 psi will commence flowing well. Will attempt to wash out pending approval from LDNR
- Shaw still continues to monitor and take pressure tests on all of the 18 shallow water geoprobes
- ORW #3 is still shut in

Other State Agencies:

- No changes in their operations concerning the Bayou Corne NG Seep Incident.

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We are having a briefing for our new boss just after noon today and looking for an update on the situation. In addition to the update, are there any new pictures? What is the current size of the sinkhole? And are in home monitors being installed in the homes?

I've been out for over a week and just getting back, so I apologize for the sudden request. Thanks.